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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 7 February 1951

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1. On 10 January 1951, three biplanes and fourteen ground attack aircraft painted grey-green, with in-line engines and a machine gun pointing to the rear were parked at the Koethen (152/D 95) airfield. There was no flying between noon and 4 p.m. The visibility was approximately 10 km and the sky was partly cloudy with a 2,000 meter cloud base. No radio installations were seen at the field or in its vicinity.
2. No construction was in progress. A ground attack plane parked on the concrete apron in front of hangar II was being refueled from a tank truck.
3. The temporary building previously seen on the southeastern corner of the field was razed. The bombs which were stored there were moved to an unknown location. Soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets practiced firing with carbines on the firing range in the eastern section of the field. A 20-mm AA gun was emplaced about 50 meters south of the firing range. Approximately 12 groups of 8 men each practiced the laying of lines in a training field east of the airfield. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The report does not indicate that any changes have occurred at the airfield. One ground attack regiment and ground attack aircraft of an air reconnaissance regiment are believed to be stationed in Koethen.

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